

Reptiles Around Us

(Part 1)

Reptiles are a group of animals. Most reptiles have **dry, scaly skin**. The scales protect their bodies and help **prevent water loss**.

Reptiles are **cold-blooded** animals. This means that they depend on the environment to control their body temperature.

Most reptiles breathe using **lungs**. They usually **lay eggs**, although some reptiles give birth to live young.

Reptile eggs have a **strong, leathery shell**. This shell protects the baby reptile while it grows inside the egg.



Dry, scaly skin protects the body and prevents water loss.



Cold-blooded animals depend on the environment to control body temperature.



Most lay eggs. The strong, leathery shell protects the baby inside.

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(Part 2)

There are many different types of reptiles. Snakes are reptiles with long bodies and no legs. They move by pushing their bodies against the ground.

Lizards usually have four legs, a long tail and small scales. Some lizards can change colour to hide from enemies.

Turtles and tortoises have hard shells. A turtle usually lives in water, while a tortoise usually lives on land.

Crocodiles and alligators are large reptiles that live near rivers, lakes and swamps. They have strong jaws and sharp teeth.

Reptiles live in many different places, such as forests, deserts, rivers and oceans. They are important animals because they help keep nature balanced. For example, snakes control the number of rats and other small animals. We should protect reptiles and their natural habitats.



SNAKE



LIZARD



TURTLE



TORTOISE



SECTION A: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

Read each question carefully. Circle the correct answer.

1

What covers the bodies of most reptiles?

A. Feathers

B. Scales

C. Fur

2

What type of animals are reptiles?

A. Warm-blooded animals

B. Cold-blooded animals

C. Water-blooded animals

3

What do most reptiles use to breathe?

A. Gills

B. Fins

C. Lungs

4

What protects a baby reptile inside its egg?

A. A leathery shell

B. Soft fur

C. Feathers

5

Which reptile has a long body and no legs?

A. Snake

B. Tortoise

C. Crocodile

SECTION A:

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

6

How do snakes move?

- A. By flying through the air B. By pushing their bodies against the ground C. By using four legs

7

Which animal usually lives in water?

- A. Turtle B. Tortoise C. Lizard

8

Where do crocodiles and alligators usually live?

- A. Near rivers, lakes and swamps B. In tall trees C. In dry deserts only

9

What do some lizards do to hide from enemies?

- A. Change colour B. Grow feathers C. Sing loudly

10

Why are reptiles important?

- A. They help keep nature balanced. B. They provide feathers for birds. C. They make all animals warm-blooded.



SECTION B: TRUE OR FALSE

Write True or False on the line.

- 1 Most reptiles have dry, scaly skin. _____
- 2 Reptiles are warm-blooded animals. _____
- 3 Most reptiles breathe using lungs. _____
- 4 Reptile eggs usually have a leathery shell. _____
- 5 Snakes have four legs. _____



SECTION B: TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement carefully. Decide if it is true or false.

- 6 Lizards usually have four legs and a long tail.
- 7 Tortoses usually live on land.
- 8 Crocodiles have weak jaws and soft teeth.
- 9 Reptiles can live in forests, deserts, rivers and oceans.
- 10 We should protect reptiles and their natural habitats.



SECTION C: ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

What is the function of a reptile's scales?

What does it mean when we say reptiles are cold-blooded?

How are turtles and tortoises different?

Name two places where reptiles can live.

How do snakes help to keep nature balanced?

YOUR ANSWER

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____